

Abstract

This invention relates to the composition and method of treating arthritis, repairing of articular joint surfaces and the relief of symptoms associated with arthritis. The composition comprises a nitric oxide synthase inhibitor and amino sugars. The nitric oxide synthase inhibitor reduces the level of nitric oxide, the free radical believed responsible for the degradation of articular cartilage. Amino sugars are the building blocks of articular cartilage and have anti-inflammatory actions.